CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Inspire Guide: Orlando Operation
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Applicant:	Professor Ian Wright
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Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	15 March 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a press release from the publisher of an al Qaeda magazine that specialises in deconstructing terrorist attacks for future jihadists and encouraging them to commit attacks on civilians in the West, and to incur as many causalities as possible. The press release promotes and supports the infliction of extreme violence and cruelty and is therefore deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(f) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Act 1993 (FVPC Act). This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act. The classification also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support extreme violence and cruelty.